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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (M&RA)

SUBJECT: Status Report of Anthrax and Smallpox Vaccinations

This memo establishes DoD policy on status reporting procedures for anthrax and smallpox vaccinations.

The Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) directed each Service to track smallpox and anthrax vaccinations using an immunization tracking system. This included monitoring and maximizing compliance with all aspects of vaccine administration. Additionally, he directed periodic reporting on program execution.

As DoD personnel continue to rotate in and out of areas requiring these vaccinations, it is imperative that we maintain compliance with all vaccine administration requirements. To enhance our ability to ensure this compliance, I am directing each Service to provide a status report for anthrax and smallpox vaccinations monthly.

Reports will be submitted through Service channels to the Military Vaccine (MILVAX) Agency on the 15th of each month for the preceding month. The first report will be submitted by April 15, 2004. Initially, the reports will be submitted monthly, but may be adjusted in the future. The reporting format is attached.

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Attachment:
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